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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA, Mexican Immigration Inspector, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was interviewed on February 22, 1964, in the presence of Assistant Chief of Mexican Immigration ARNOLDO TIJERINA. CHAPA is in his late 60's. CHAPA stated he has been interviewed on several occasions by Mexican officials and from the Mexican Immigration records showing that he, CHAPA, cancelled the tourist permit of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on October 3, 1963, he knows that he, CHAPA, was on duty at that time and cancelled OSWALD's tourist permit, but that he personally recalls nothing concerning the cancellation of OSWALD's tourist permit.

CHAPA reviewed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated he did not recognize the photograph as being that of anyone he had seen previously. CHAPA was not recall who else was on duty with him on October 3, 1963, but stated that he, CHAPA, was "Jefe de Turno" (translation, in charge of the shift) and was the person who actually stamped OSWALD's tourist permit cancelled.

CHAPA stated it was his duty to collect the tourist permits (FM-5 and FM-8) of persons departing Mexico and to stamp them cancelled and send them by one of the inspectors or take them personally to the Mexican Immigration Headquarters located in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, at the International Bridge at the end of each day. The clerical employees, according to CHAPA, in the Immigration Headquarters then record the cancellations of the FM-5's and FM-8's on the FM-11 Ledger Books. CHAPA denied that it was his duty to record